

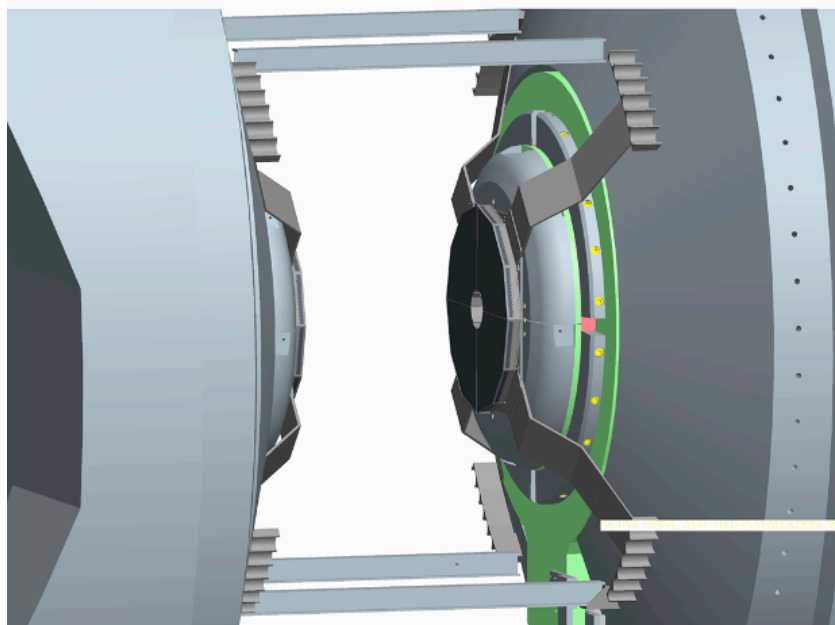
Status of Reaction Plane Detector



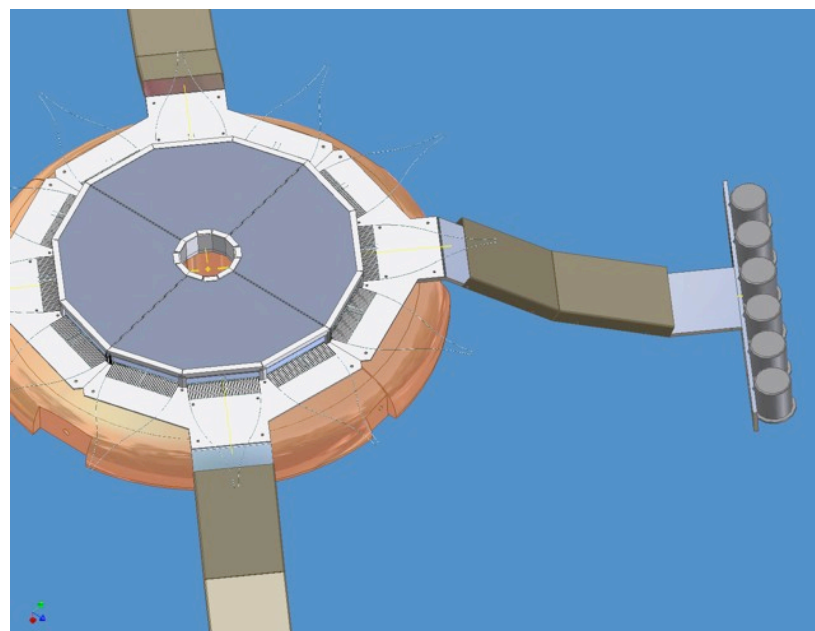
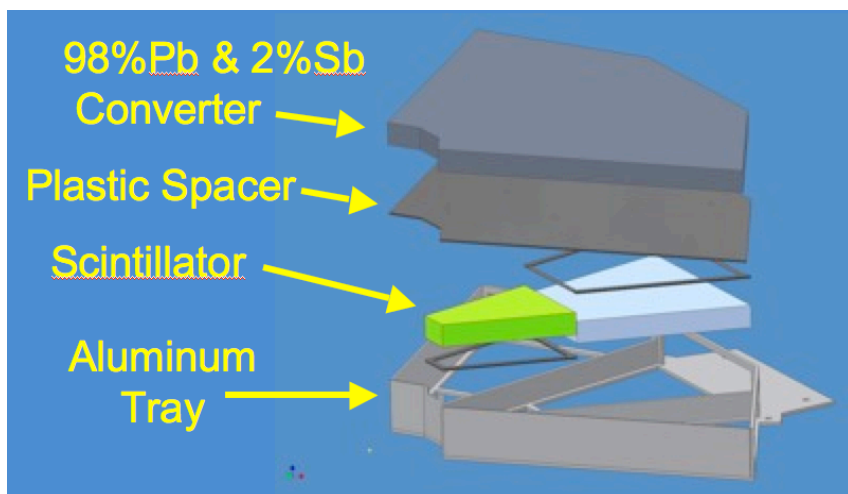
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All plots provided by Shinichi
Esumi and his graduate students

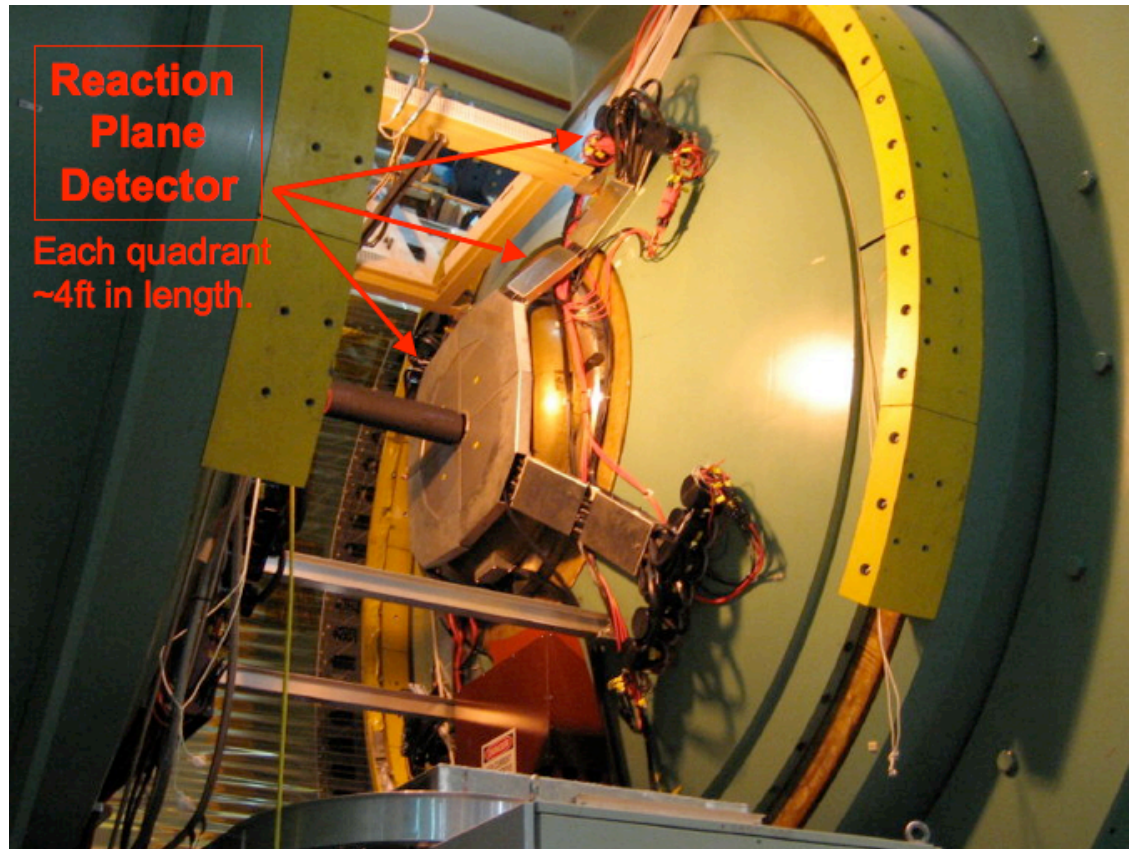
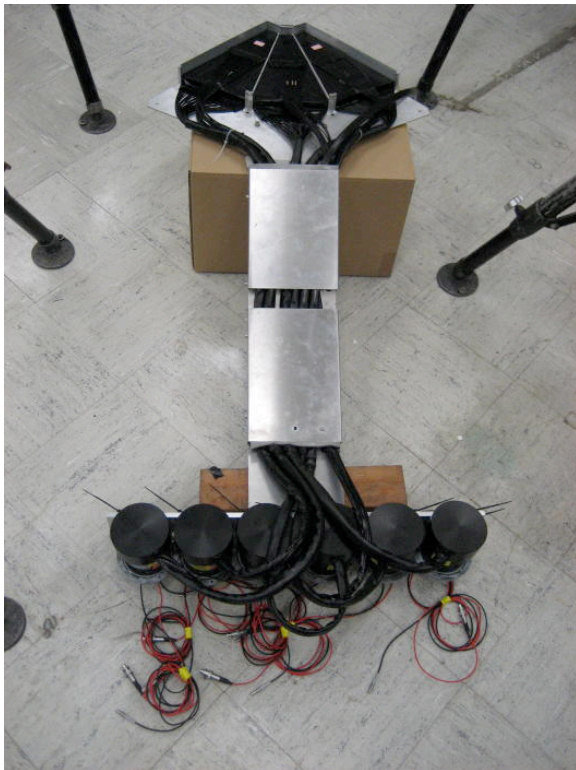
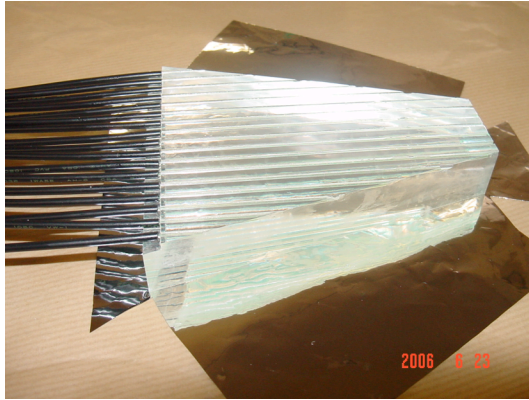
Detector Components



- Detector has North and South halves
- Each half divided into quadrants
- Each quadrant contains:
 - 1 Pb converter
 - 3 inner & 3 outer scintillators
 - 6 fine mesh PMT's (Hamamatsu R5543)



Detector Components



Historical Time Line

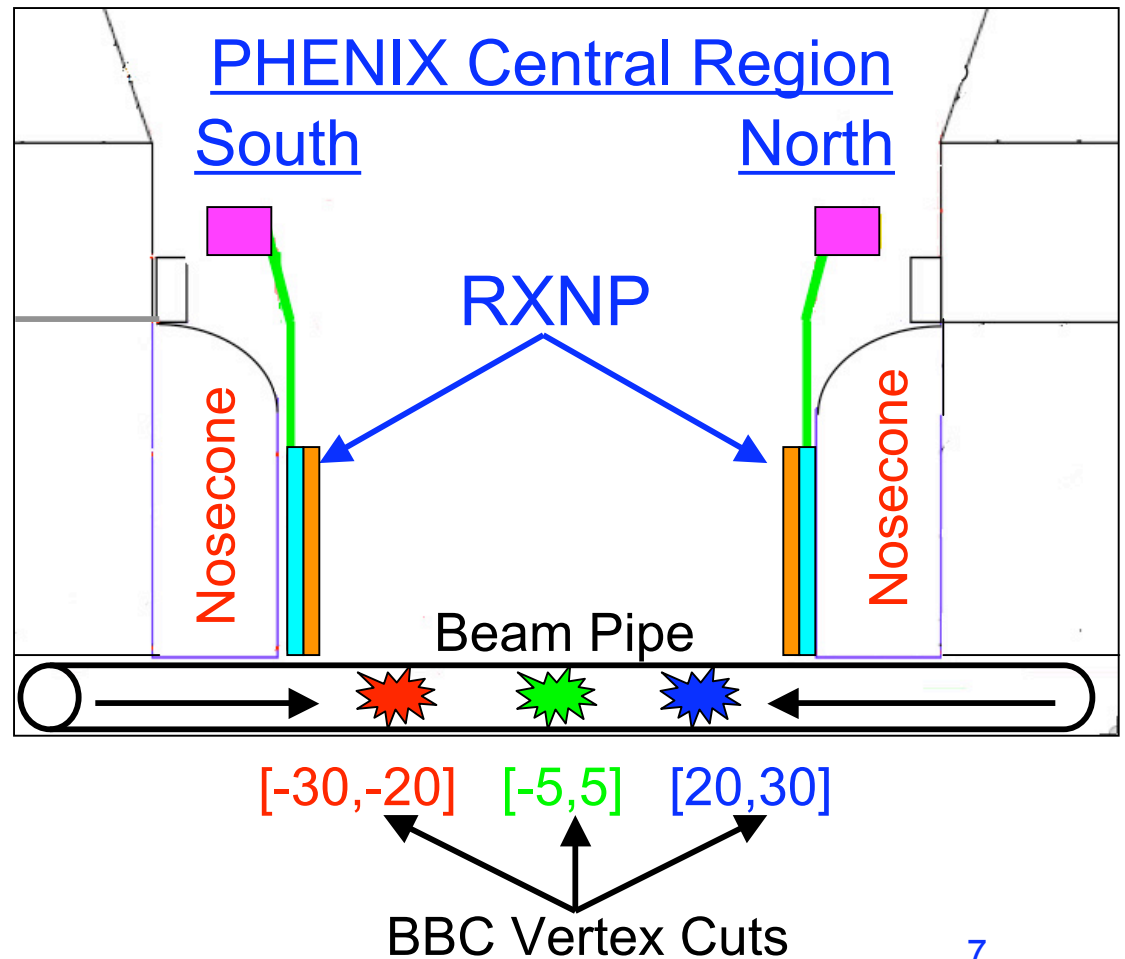
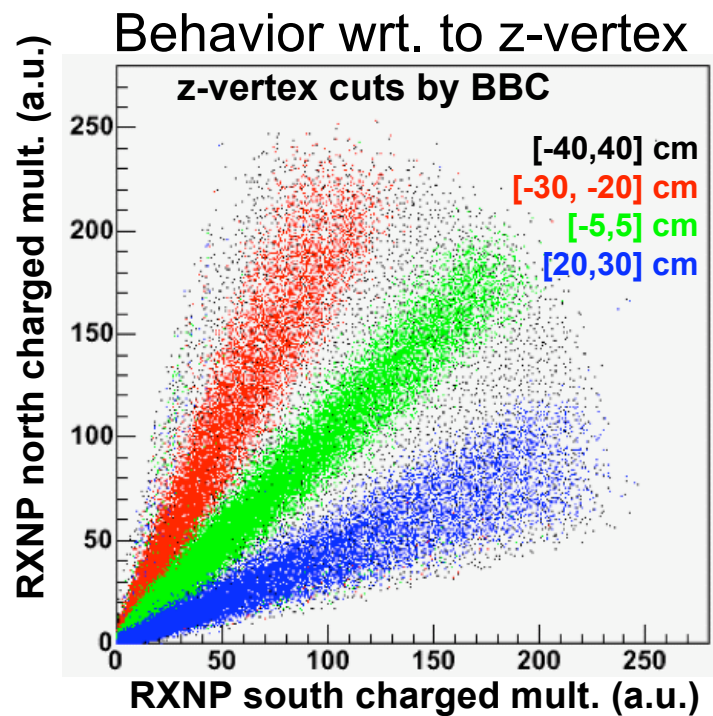
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
2005			Conceived	Design & Simulations →
2006	→	Improved Detector Design	Testing & Assembly, Installed Aug.	Electronics & Software →
2007	→	Finished Commissioning		

Only 20 months from conception to data taking

Detector Performance during Run 7

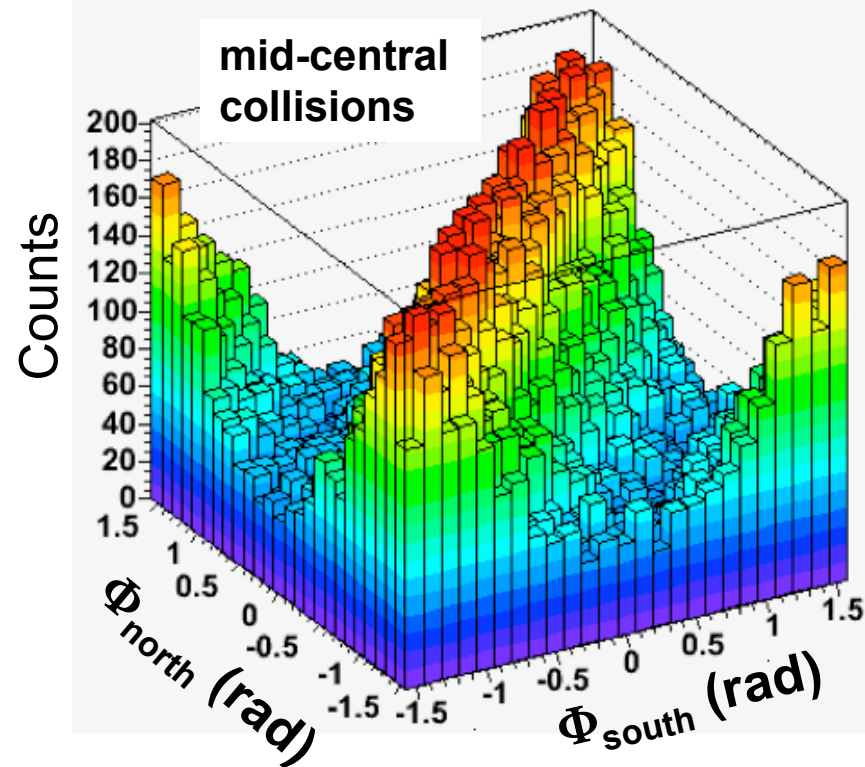
- 47 of 48 PMT's operational for entire run
- RXNP collected data on all Physics runs
- Efficiency of RXNP compared to BBC is 100% except for the most peripheral collisions [95%]

Detector Performance

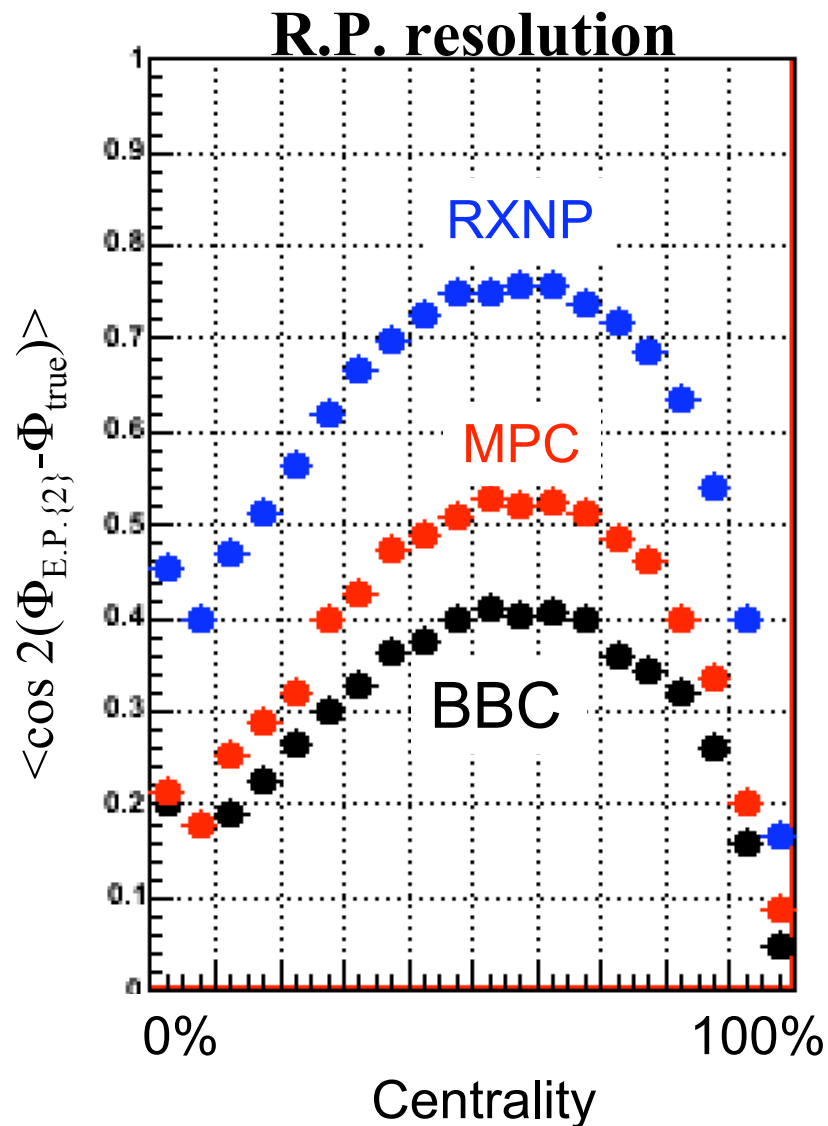


Detector Performance

Agreement of Determined RP Angle



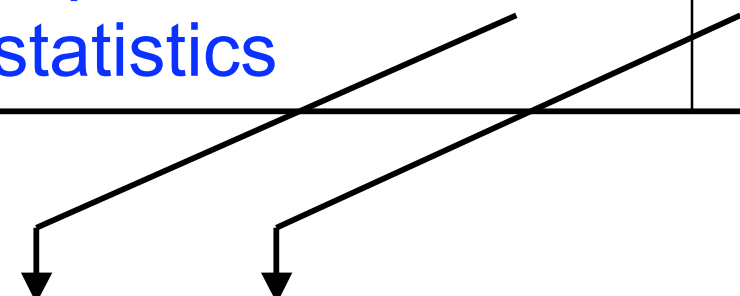
Detector Resolution



- Max Resolution
 - RXNP ~ 0.75
 - MPC ~ 0.52
 - BBC ~ 0.40
- RXNP resolution about a factor of 2 higher than BBC
- Combined resolution of BBC+MPC+RXNP is ~ 0.8

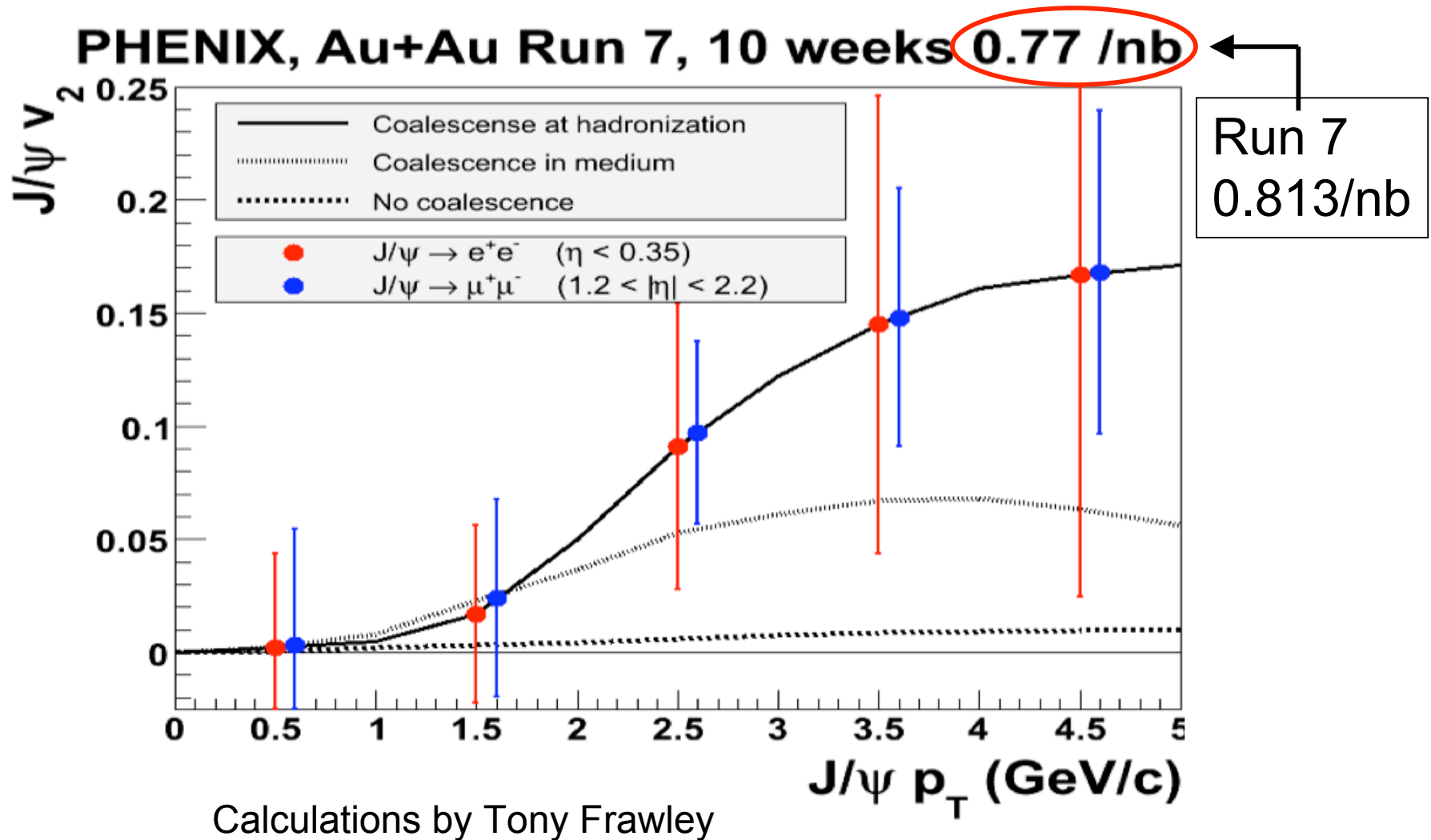
v_2 comparison of Run 7 to Run 4

Resolution	Statistics
Run 4 - 0.40	Run 4 - 1.5B
Run 7 - 0.75	Run 7 - 5.1B
Equivalent to $\approx 3.5x$ statistics	3.4x actual statistics



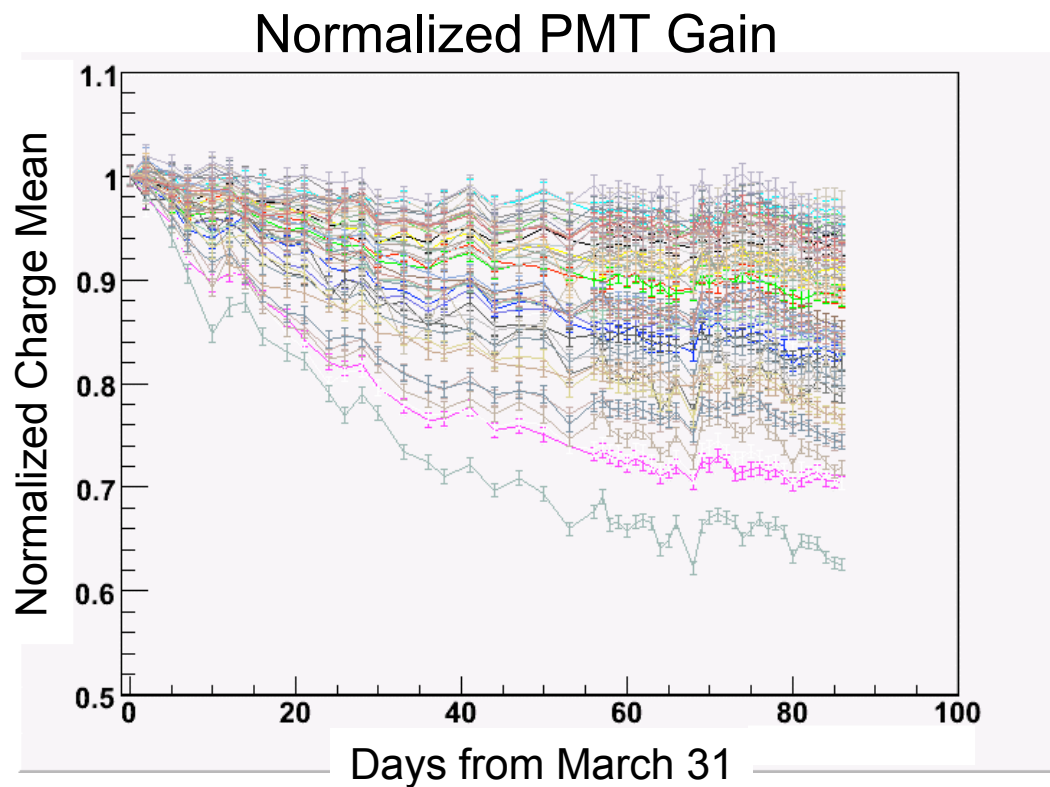
$3.5 \times 3.4 \approx 12x v_2$ statistics of run 4

Possible J/ψ v_2



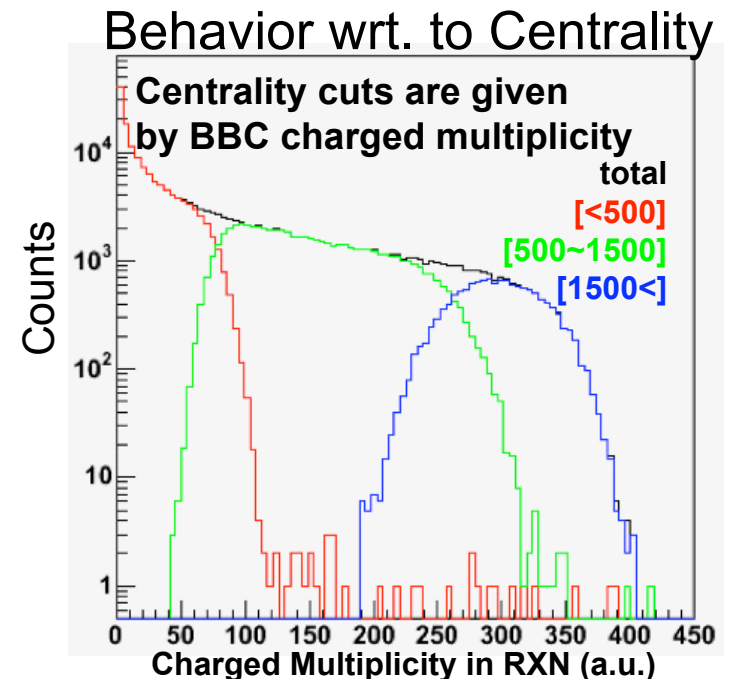
Detector Performance

- Saw some aging effects on PMT's



RXNP as a Trigger

- Wrt centrality RXNP behaves similarly to BBC
- Use for low energy Au+Au run
- Expected to increase trigger efficiency from ~15% with BBC to ~96%.
- During Run 7 timed in RXNPLL1 with respect to BBCLL1, but further testing needed to see if it will be a viable trigger for low energy Au+Au, d+Au, and p+p

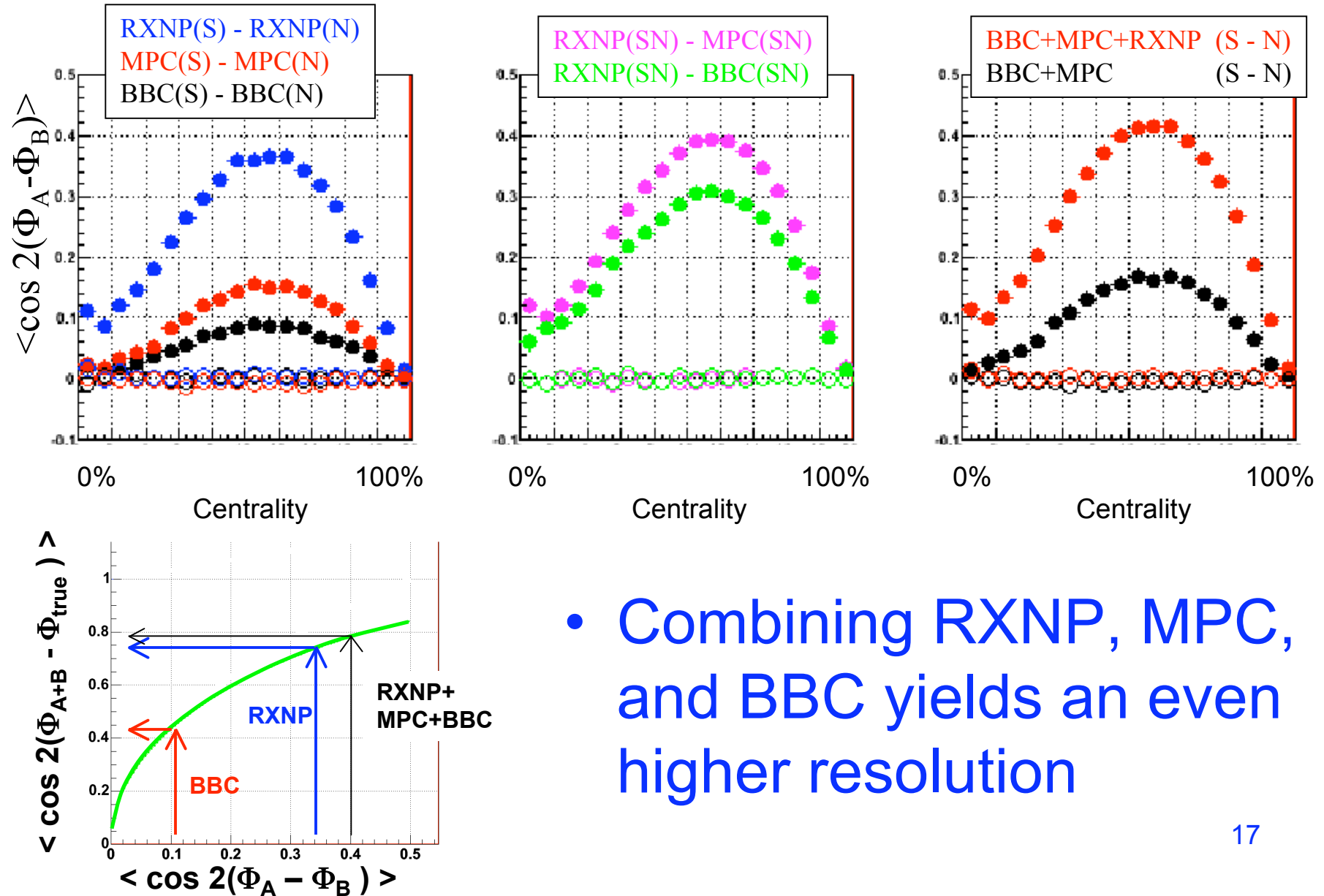


Summary

- RXNP successfully commissioned for Run 7
- Detector is working well
- Resolution of ~ 0.75 (BBC ~ 0.4)
- v_2 measurement in Run 7 equivalent to $\sim 12x$ statistics of Run 4
- Further testing needed to ensure the success of RXNPLL1

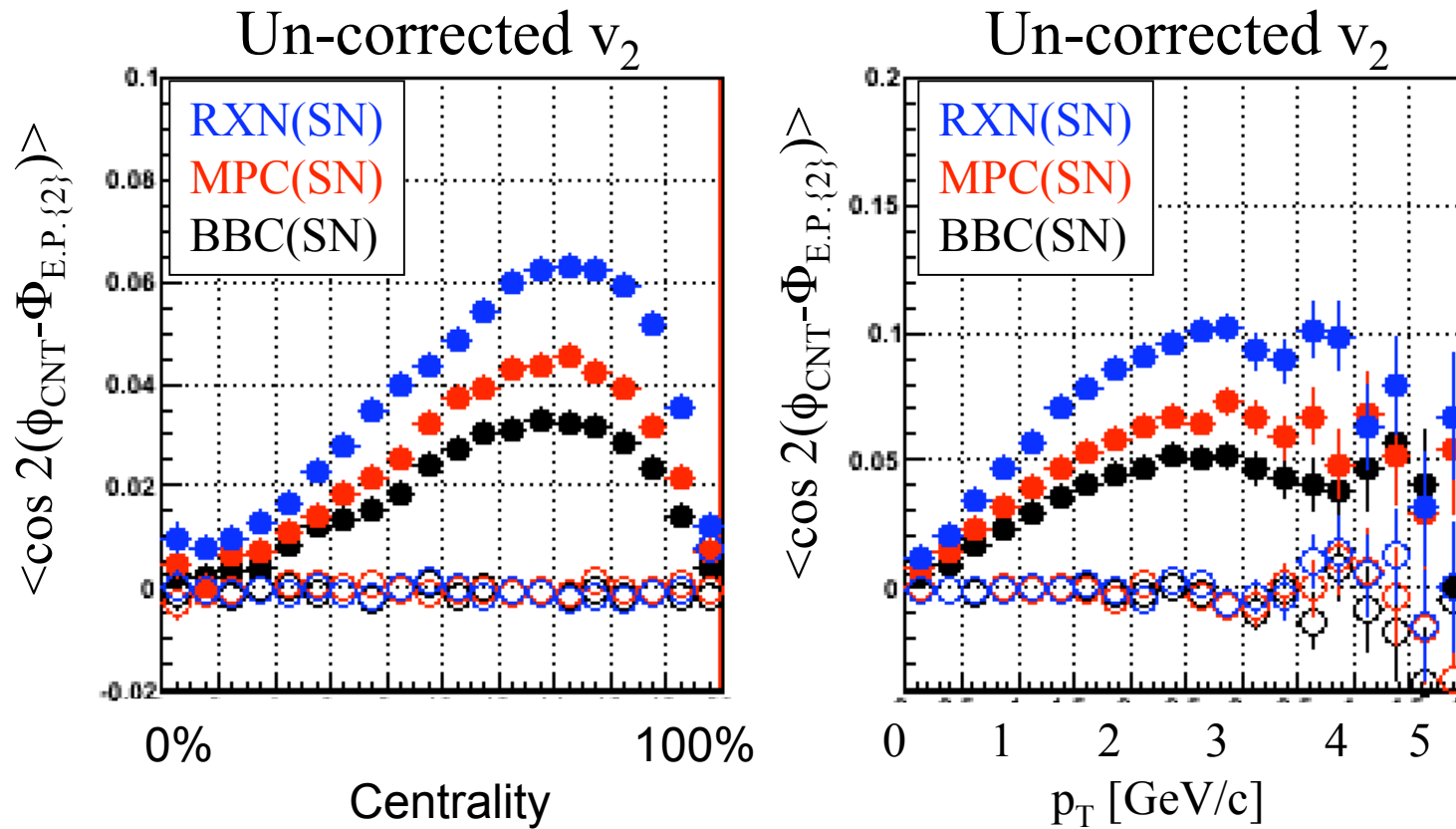
Backup

Combining Detectors



- Combining RXNP, MPC, and BBC yields an even higher resolution

Uncorrected v_2



Corrected v_2

